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SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATION AT PRCLO

1. EA/PRCM OFFICER CALLED PRCLO MORNING OF MAY 26 TO INFORM CHINESE THAT GROUP SUPPORTING SELF-DETERMINATION FOR TAIWAN PLANNED A DEMONSTRATION NEXT DAY (SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS). PRCM OFFICER EXPLAINED THAT SEVERAL HUNDRED DEMONSTRATORS WERE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART, THAT THE POLICE HAD BEEN NOTIFIED AND THAT APPROPRIATE MEASURES WOULD BE TAKEN TO ASSURE THAT THE DEMONSTRATION WAS KEPT WITHIN PRESCRIBED LIMITS.

2. PRCLO OFFICER CALLED BACK IN THE AFTERNOON AND READ FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

QUOTE: REGARDING THIS SO-CALLED DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF
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THE LIAISON OFFICE AT NOON TOMORROW, WE EXPRESS OUR

RESOLUTE OPPOSITION. OUR STAND ON THE QUESTION OF TAIWAN IS CLEAR. TAIWAN IS AN INSEPARABLE PART OF CHINA. THE AMERICAN SIDE KNOWS CHINA'S STAND ON THE TAIWAN QUESTION. THE SO-CALLED GATHERING OR DEMONSTRATION RECEIVED THE PERMISSION OF THE US SIDE. IF THIS DEMONSTRATION DOES OCCUR IN FRONT OF THE LIAISON OFFICE OF THE PRC, WE CAN

ONLY CONSIDER THIS DEMONSTRATION AS INSTIGATED BY THE US SIDE. THIS GOES AGAINST THE SPIRIT OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE. UNQUOTE.

3. PRCM OFFICER SAID HE WOULD REPORT THIS STATEMENT BUT THAT HE ALSO HAD ONE TO MAKE, THEN READ THE FOLLOWING PREPARED STATEMENT:

QUOTE: WE COMPLETELY REJECT THE CHARGE OF INSTIGATION WHICH IS TOTALLY WITHOUT FOUNDATION. I WOULD ALSO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND ASSEMBLY ARE GUARANTEED BY THE US CONSTITUTION.

UNQUOTE. PRCLO OFFICER RESPONDED THIS WAS "JUST AN EXCUSE FOR THIS ANTI-CHINA ACTION;" PRCM OFFICER SAID HE SAW NO POINT IN A CIRCULAR DISCUSSION.

4. DEMONSTRATION WAS SPONSORED BY GROUP CALLING ITSELF FORMOSAN CONFERENCE FOR SELF-DETERMINATION. IT WENT OFF AS SCHEDULED WITH ABOUT 500 PARTICIPATING. ACCORDING TO OBSERVERS THE CROWD APPEARED RELATIVELY SUBDUED. THE POLICE KEPT THE MARCHERS A GOOD DISTANCE FROM PRCLO; IN FACT, PRCLO COULD NOT BE SEEN FROM THE LINE OF MARCH. NO PETITION WAS PRESENTED TO PRCLO. THE DEMONSTRATORS PROCEEDED TO THE ROC EMBASSY WHERE A PETITION WAS PRESENTED. FOLLOWING A BRIEF GATHERING AND A FEW SPEECHES IN THE RAIN AT LAFAYETTE PARK IN FRONT OF WHITE HOUSE, THE DEMONSTRATION BROKE UP.

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